

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shinzo Yasuda et al. Art Unit : 1711
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 PRODUCTION THEREOF Allowance Date: October 16, 2002

BOX 313(b)

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

Applicants hereby petition under § 1.313(c)(2) for the withdrawal of this application from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement filed in a request for continued examination. The issue fee was paid on December 16, 2002.

A request for continued examination of this application under § 1.114 is being filed simultaneously herewith. The request for continued examination is intended to continue this application on the grant of this petition.

Enclosed is a check for \$130 in payment of the petition fee required by 1.17(i). Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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